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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

PETER S.S. WANG et al.

Application No.: 09/525,966

Filed: 15 March 2000

Title: **Transparent Switched Access to  
Network Attached Storage**

Group Art Unit: 2759

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Listed on attached Form PTO-1449 is information known to applicant. A copy of each listed publication and U.S. and foreign patent, except for pending U.S. applications, is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. The Examiner is requested to initial the enclosed form PTO-1449 return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

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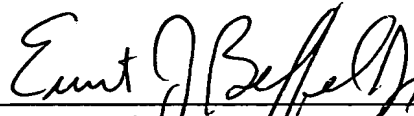
A. a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is completed below; **and**

B. a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) requesting consideration of this statement is submitted herewith; **and**

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— *Fee Authorization.* The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-referenced fees of \$ -0- and charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (Docket No. 3COM 2534-1). A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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